

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSE OVERSIGHT, ELECTIONS, AND ETHICS

326 House Office Building

Wednesday 9:30 A.M.

September 6, 2006

**Representative Ward, Chair**, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney, Meisner and Gillard.

**Representative Elsenheimer** moved, supported by **Representative Meisner**, to approve the minutes of the **June 28, 2006** meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

**The Chair** laid **HB 6128, HB 6129, HB 6130, HB 6131, HB 6132, HB 6133, HB 6134, HB 6288 and HB 6289** before the committee.

HB 6128	Ward	Campaign finance; contributions and expenditures; miscellaneous contribution and expenditure provision of the campaign finance act; revise.
HB 6129	Kooiman	Campaign finance; statements and reports; late filing fees; increase.
HB 6130	Taub	Campaign finance; statements and reports; independent expenditures by PACs within 45 days before election; require to be reported within 48 hours.
HB 6131	Jones	Campaign finance; independent expenditures; 48-hour disclosure; require.
HB 6132	Gaffney	Campaign finance; contributions and expenditures; payment of wages or salary to a candidate from campaign fund; prohibit.
HB 6133	Nofs	Campaign finance; public disclosure; telephone or electronic campaigning; require message to include payer's identification and whether approved by candidate, and revise identifying statement for radio or television campaign ads.
HB 6134	Baxter	Campaign finance; statements and reports; information required in committee organizational statements and campaign finance

statements and filing schedule for campaign finance statements; revise.

HB 6288 Ward Elections; election officials; statement of purpose prepared by the director of elections; provide that the statement is approved unless disapproved by the board of state canvassers.

HB 6289 Schuitmaker Elections; election officials; statement of purpose prepared by the director of elections; provide that statement is approved unless disapproved by the board of state canvassers.

**Chairman Ward** explained **HB 6288 and HB 6289** to the committee.

**Rich Robinson**, representing the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, testified in **support of the package of bills before the committee on Campaign Finance Reform**. Mr. Robinson also submitted **written testimony on HB 6129, HB 6131 and HB 6134**.<sup>\*</sup> Questions and discussion followed.

**Karole White**, representing the Michigan Association of Broadcasters, testified in opposition to **HB 6133** as written.

**Representative Elsenheimer** moved, supported by **Representative Gaffney**, to adopt **substitute (H-3)** for **HB 6128**.

The motion prevailed by **a vote of 3-2-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer and Gaffney,

Nays: Representatives Meisner and Gillard,

Pass: None.

**Representative Elsenheimer** moved, supported by **Representative Gaffney**, to report **HB 6128 as substitute (H-3)** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by **a vote of 3-1-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer and Gaffney,

Nays: Representative Meisner,

Pass: None.

**HB 6128 (H-3) reported out with recommendation.**

Representative Meisner offered the following amendment to **HB 6129**.

1. Amend page 8, line 14, by striking out all of subsection (14) and inserting:  
**“(14) IF THERE IS CAUSE, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL AUDIT A COMMITTEE. AN AUDIT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, A REVIEW OF ALL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS THAT THE COMMITTEE IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO FILE AND THAT WERE FILED WITHIN 3 YEARS BEFORE THE AUDIT, AND ALL ACCOUNTS, RECORDS, BILLS, AND RECEIPTS THAT THE COMMITTEE IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO KEEP. IN PERFORMING AN AUDIT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL NOT REVIEW A STATEMENT OR REPORT FILED BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SUBSECTION. ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ARE SUBJECT TO AN AUDIT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION:**
  - (A) A CANDIDATE COMMITTEE.**
  - (B) A BALLOT QUESTION COMMITTEE.**
  - (C) AN INDEPENDENT OR PLOITICAL COMMITTEE.”.**

After committee discussion, **Representative Meisner** withdrew the amendment.

**Representative Gaffney** moved, supported by **Representative Elsenheimer**, to report **HB 6129** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by **a vote of 4-0-0.**

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney and Meisner,  
 Nays: None,  
 Pass: None.

**HB 6129 reported out with recommendation.**

**Representative Elsenheimer** moved, supported by **Representative Gaffney**, to report **HB 6130** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by **a vote of 4-0-0.**

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney and Meisner,  
 Nays: None,  
 Pass: None.

**HB 6130 reported out with recommendation.**

**Representative Gaffney** moved, supported by **Representative Elsenheimer**, to report **HB 6131** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 5-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney, Meisner and Gillard,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

**HB 6131 reported out with recommendation.**

**Representative Elsenheimer** moved, supported by **Representative Gaffney**, to report **HB 6132** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 5-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney, Meisner and Gillard,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

**HB 6132 reported out with recommendation.**

**Representative Elsenheimer** moved, supported by **Representative Gaffney**, to adopt **substitute (H-1)** for **HB 6133**.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 5-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney, Meisner and Gillard,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

**Representative Gaffney** moved, supported by **Representative Elsenheimer**, to report **HB 6133** as **substitute (H-1)** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 5-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney, Meisner and Gillard,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

**HB 6133 (H-1) reported out with recommendation.**

**Chairman Ward** offered the following amendments to **HB 6134**.

1. Amend page 13, line 24, after “**THAN**” by striking out “**APRIL 30, JULY 31, AND OCTOBER 31**” and inserting “**APRIL 15, JULY 15, AND OCTOBER 15**”.

2. Amend page 14, line 1 after “**APRIL**” by striking out “**30**” and inserting “**15**”.

**Representative Gaffney** moved, supported by **Chairman Ward**, to adopt the amendments.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 5-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney, Meisner and Gillard,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

**Representative Elsenheimer** moved, supported by **Representative Gaffney**, to report **HB 6134 as substitute (H-1)** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 5-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney, Meisner and Gillard,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

**HB 6134 (H-1) reported out with recommendation.**

**Representative Elsenheimer** moved, supported by **Representative Gaffney**, to report **HB 6288** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 3-2-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer and Gaffney,  
Nays: Representatives Meisner and Gillard,  
Pass: None.

**HB 6288 reported out with recommendation.**

**Representative Elsenheimer** moved, supported by **Representative Gaffney**, to report **HB 6289** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 3-2-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer and Gaffney,  
Nays: Representatives Meisner and Gillard,  
Pass: None.

**HB 6289 reported out with recommendation.**

With no further business to come before the committee, **the Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **10:30 a.m.**

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Representative Ward, Chair

Dave Mead  
Committee Clerk  
September 6, 2006  
1 hour

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Date Approved and Signed

\* indicates printed material submitted.